

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
SCHOOL OPERATIONS FRAMEWORK

Low Transmission Blue ¹		Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
	All schools: Universal and correct use of masks is required; implementing other key mitigation strategies: handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; contact tracing and diagnostic testing ² in combination with quarantine and isolation.			
	K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction Physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible ³	Elementary schools in hybrid mode ⁴ ; physical distancing of 6 feet or more required		
		Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance Physical distancing of 6 feet or more is required	Middle and high schools in virtual only instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies, and have few cases; schools that are already open for in-person instruction can remain open, but only if they strictly implement mitigation strategies and have few cases ⁵	
Sports and extracurricular activities with masks required; physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible ⁶		Sports and extracurricular activities with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required	Sports and extracurricular activities occur only if they can be held outdoors, with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required	Sports and extracurricular activities virtual only

¹ Levels of community transmission defined as total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days (low, 0-9; moderate, 10-49; substantial, 50-99; high, ≥100) and percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days (low, <5%; moderate, 5-7.9%; substantial, 8-9.9%; high, ≥10%).² Levels of community transmission defined as total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days (low, 0-9; moderate, 10-49; substantial, 50-99; high, ≥100) and percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days (low, <5%; moderate, 5-7.9%; substantial, 8-9.9%; high, ≥10%).

² Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 is intended to identify occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 infection at the individual level and is performed when there is a reason to suspect that an individual may be infected, such as having symptoms or suspected recent exposure

³ If physical distancing of at least 6 feet among all students, teachers, and staff within a class, cohort, or pod is not possible at all times, schools should ensure physical distancing between classes, cohorts, and pods

⁴ Hybrid learning or reduced attendance is intended to maximize physical distance between students. Schools may consider hybrid learning models or instructional modes where substantial percentages of students are in virtual only instruction. At all levels of community transmission, schools should provide families the option to participate in virtual learning if a student or family member is at risk of severe illness from COVID-19

⁵ Strict implementation of mitigation strategies includes policies that require consistent and correct use of masks, physical distancing of at least 6 feet, all other key mitigation strategies

⁶ School officials should implement limits on spectators and attendees for sports, extracurricular activities, and school events as consistent with recommendations for masking and physical distancing for each phase



Central District Health (CDH) + Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
LEVEL OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RANGES

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CDH* Average daily cases per 100,000 in past 14 days	Ada and Elmore: <3 Boise and Valley: <5	Ada and Elmore: >3 and >20 Boise and Valley: >5 and >30		Ada and Elmore: ≥ 20 Boise and Valley: ≥ 30
CDC** Total new cases per 100,000 in past 7 days	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100

*CDH Levels of community transmission uses a two-week average of daily COVID-19 cases calculated per 100,000 people in a given county

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CROSSWALK: CDH'S WEEKLY CASES TO DETERMINE CDC CATEGORY

Weekly cases are located on [CDH's Data Tableau](#) by selecting the 'county' tab and adding confirmed and probable cases. Weekly cases are tallied from Sunday through Saturday. Data are updated Mondays at noon and the week prior should be used to determine current category of transmission.

CDC CATEGORY	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
Ada	0-47	48-240	241-481	>481
Boise	0	1-4	5-7	>7
Elmore	0-2	3-13	14-27	>27
Valley	0	1-5	6-10	>10

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